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1. The Bulgarian Government has recently organized a new security force, known as DOSO (Voluntary Organization for Defense Cooperation), composed only of tried and true Communists under 35 years of age. Both civilians and military personnel, providing they meet the requirements, may enroll in the organization. During the training period, which includes political indoctrination and training in new light weapons of Soviet origin with which the organization has been equipped, considerable time is devoted to police work such as gathering information on individuals and making searches.

2. This semi-military body will be used in areas where there is extensive sabotage and passive resistance to the regime and in frontier areas. Small detachments have already been sent to Pernik and to certain mining areas near Plovdiv, Stara Zagora, Mezara and Cherven Bryag.

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1. Comment: Previous [REDACTED] describe the DOSO as a merger of the People's Union for Sport and Technics and the Union of Fighters Against Fascism. In addition to the para-military training described herein, it has been reported that the DOSO training includes civilian defense and air raid measures.

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